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**Royal Oak Police Department Weekly Update
For the week of April 30, 2015 through May 7, 2015**

Breaking and Entering

800 block of N. Wilson, 4-29-15 – 4-30-15, 11:15 p.m. – 5:30 a.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect entered the home through an unlocked door and stole a check book and various credit cards. 15-15911

404 E. Fourth (Tome, Inc.) 5-1-15 – 5-4-15, 5:40 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect entered the business through an unlocked interior door and stole loose change. 15-16502

Larceny

1812 N. Main St. (National Coney Island), 5-6-15, 1:34 a.m.: Complainant reported setting cash on the counter of the restaurant. He walked away to make a phone call and when he returned he discovered an unknown suspect had stolen the money. 15-16645

2605 W. Fourteen Mile (Auto Europe), 5-5-15 – 5-6-15, 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Complainant reported an unknown suspect stole a 16 foot, 2004 Featherlite car hauler trailer from the lot of the business. 15-16705

Larceny from Automobile

3601 W. Thirteen Mile (William Beaumont Hospital), 5-4-15, 5:40 a.m. – 6:40 p.m.: Complainant reported parking her 2015 GMC Acadia in the parking structure. When she returned, she discovered an unknown suspect had broken the driver's side rear window and stole the in-dash navigation unit. 15-16500

Malicious Destruction of Property

2000 block of N. Washington, 5-3-15, 1:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Complainant reported he parked his vehicle in the driveway. When he returned, he discovered an unknown suspect had slashed all four (4) tires. 15-16359

205 W. Fifth (O'Tooles), 5-1-15, 10:34 p.m.: A 30-year-old Ferndale man was arrested for Malicious Destruction of Property after he keyed two (2) vehicles in the rear parking lot of the bar. The suspect had been removed from the bar and witnesses observed him damage the vehicles. The suspect was arrested without incident. 15-16095

2000 block of E. Eleven Mile, 5-3-15, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.: Complainant reported she parked her vehicle in the apartment complex lot. When she returned, she discovered an unknown suspect had keyed the side of her vehicle. 15-16392

Additional Incidents and Information

False Report of Barricaded Gunman/Hostage Situation: Royal Oak police officers and the Southeast Oakland County SWAT team responded to the 1100 block of Royal to investigate the report of a barricaded gunman holding two (2) hostages inside a home. When they arrived on the scene, a perimeter was set up around the home. Residents in the immediate area were advised to stay in their basements for safety while further information was gathered from the caller who remained on the phone. As the incident evolved, officers began to realize this may be a “Swatting” call, which is a term commonly used to describe a false report causing a significant police response.

The incident began on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 11:04 a.m., when an unknown suspect called the police station stating he had stabbed two (2) females at the residence and was armed with a shotgun. After approximately one hour officers were able to make contact with the homeowner, who was in the basement of the residence on his computer, and unaware of the incident. After interviewing the homeowner, officers confirmed the report was false. Due to the seriousness of this type of call, the annual “Mind Over Matter” 5K run/walk was diverted to ensure the safety of the race participants. No one was injured.

“Swatting” is the act of calling in a false police report which requires a large scale response. False reports of this nature create a very dangerous situation for responding emergency services and the community. The person who called in this fake report committed a felony, which carries a penalty of up to four (4) years in prison, a \$2000 fine, and repayment of the cost of the resources deployed to handle the incident.

The Royal Oak Police Department is investigating this incident and will seek criminal charges related to this case. For further information contact Lieutenant David Clemens of the Royal Oak Police Department Criminal Investigations Division at (248) 246-3456.

The following arrests were made during the period:

One (1) Felony Warrant
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Nine (9) Misdemeanor Warrant
Five (5) Probation Violation
One (1) Assault and Battery, Illegal Transportation of Marijuana, & Possession of Analogues.
Five (5) Driving While License Suspended
Two (2) Driving While License Suspended & Misdemeanor Warrant
One (1) Driving While License Suspended & Open Intoxicant in a Motor Vehicle
One (1) Possession of Heroin & Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia
One (1) Possession of Heroin, Possession of Analogues, & Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia
One (1) Possession of Marijuana & Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia
Two (2) Possession of Marijuana
One (1) Illegal Possession of Marijuana & Illegal Transportation of Medical Marijuana
One (1) Entering without Permission & Public Intoxication
One (1) Operating While Intoxicated
One (1) Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle & Misdemeanor Warrant
One (1) Trespassing, Disorderly Conduct, & Misdemeanor Warrant
Two (2) Minor in Possession of Alcohol

One (1) Driving Without an Operators' License
Two (2) Disorderly Conduct
One (1) Urinating in Public

Total Arrests: 41